

Viña Jaraba Selección Especial 2015 (Red Wine)



Pago de La Jaraba is a family owned winery built in the heart of La Mancha. While they can trace a history of notable regard for wines grown on the estate back to the mid-1700's their current goal is to produce high-quality, exclusively estate-sourced, flag-waving examples of the new “modern-traditional balanced” wines coming out of Spain.

They follow traditional, sustainable methods and farm 80 hectares of vineyards. In addition, they also grow cereal crops – wheat and barley as well as sunflowers, almond, pistachio and olive trees. Finally, they raise their own flock of sheep on estate scrub/forest both to enhance and protect soil quality and for production of artisan Manchego cheese.

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| Appellation | La Mancha D.O. |
| Grapes | 70% Tempranillo, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot |
| Altitude / Soil | 700-750 meters / sandy, clay, chalky, pebbles, limestone |
| Farming Methods | Sustainable methods |
| Harvest | Hand harvested into small boxes, as grapes ripen, plot by plot |
| Production | 50% of the grapes underwent fermentation and ML in 5,000L French oak vats, the remainder in small stainless steel tanks |
| Aging | Varieties were aged, separately for 12 months in 50% French and 50% American oak barrel, additional aging in tank and bottle |
| UPC / SCC / Pack | 18436025090650 / 68436025090650 / 6 |

Reviews:

“Bright ruby-red. Spice-laced raspberry, cherry and potpourri scents are complemented by hints of vanilla and coconut. Sweet, seamless and fleshy on the palate, offering juicy red fruit flavors that deepen and stretch out. 2021- 2026”

91 points *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds – February 2021

“This deeply hued La Mancha wine opens with suggestions of blackberry cordial that mingle with the lovely earthy tones on the nose. The palate is deep and generous, delivering a soft texture. Tar and mocha flavors collide with minerals on the palate. Enjoy this great value wine in the short-term. 2019-2025”

90 points *International Wine Report*; September 2019

“The cépages for the 2015 Viña Jaraba “Selección Especial” is slightly different from the Crianza, as this is seventy percent tempranillo, ten percent merlot and twenty percent cabernet sauvignon. The wine is again raised in a combination of French and American barrels, this time for a period of twelve months. Happily, the wine comes in at the same civilized octane of 13.5 percent as the Crianza in this vintage and delivers a fine aromatic constellation of black cherries, dark berries, a bit of saddle leather, cigar wrapper, soil tones and a nice touch of smoky oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely focused, with a good core, fine-grained tannins and very good length and grip on the quite refined finish. There is a bit of brett here that may scare away some folks (though certainly less than many a vintage of Beaucastral back in the day), but there is fine depth and complexity here as well. 2020-2040.”

88+ points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #75 – May/June 2018

